

Call for Expert No ZO/2020/20

Solidarity Fund PL within the framework of the EU funded „EU4Skills” Programme and in accordance with art.4, point 8 of the law of the Republic of Poland of 29 January 2004 on public procurement invites interested experts to apply for a position/ assignment of:

Expert for conducting research on vocational orientation and counseling needs

1. Background information

The EU4Skills programme is a multidonor programme funded by the EU and its member states: Germany, Finland and Poland. The aim of the programme is to assist the reform of TVET sector in Ukraine. Programme’s activities focus on modernization of the content of education and improvement of its quality as well as on the reform of VET governance.

Vocational education has been clearly designated in Ukraine as a regional responsibility, and both Regional Councils (elected bodies) and Regional State Administrations (executive bodies) now have the responsibility for developing strategies, allocating funding and ensuring operational management of regional VET systems. However, regional governments lack the experience, capacity and resources to not simply maintain the status quo but to introduce methods and approaches that would transform VET systems and institutions in line with the national reform principles, regional development priorities and the requirements of dynamically shifting regional economies and labour markets.

Solidarity Fund PL (SF PL) is a Programme’s partner organization and its work package under the EU4Skills Programme primarily focuses on strengthening capacities of the regions to manage their VET provision networks and on helping the regions to conduct evidence-based policies in the VET sector. This work package (referred later as “SF PL Work Package”) contains 5 major activities, namely:

- 2.11 – Development of Labour Market Intelligence System
- 1.2. – Development of 7 regional VET action plans
- 1.6. – Development of VET funding mechanism
- 1.7. - Development of VET budgeting mechanisms
- 2.10. – Support to development of career guidance service provision

Most of the abovementioned activities will be implemented in 7 focus regions of Ukraine. However, the models and solutions developed will also be promoted across the whole country.

Expert engagement under this assignment will be related to activity 2.10 – Support to development of career orientation and counseling service provision

The vocational orientation and counseling system in Ukraine, where it relates to the TVET system, is in its nascent stage. As a result of this, approximately 80% of secondary school graduates go to universities after graduating, and the VET student population has decreased almost twofold over the past several years. Formally, the State Employment Service is responsible for providing career orientation and counseling services (Order # 2 of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine as of January 03, 2013), but its mandate is limited primarily to the unemployed. State Employment

Service has developed an on-line career orientation platform that offers general advice and testing of a person's professional and soft skills. This can be found at <http://profi.dcz.gov.ua/about/>. In addition to this, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Social Policy and State Employment Service have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation for career orientation and counseling on June 3, 2019.

However, while the basic understanding of the needs to strengthen this area exists, there is no research available in Ukraine to provide evidence both for policy development and targeting of specific vocational orientation and career guidance tools. Thus, there is strong need to gauge the perceptions and needs of key target groups (school teachers, students, and parents) in this area to ensure that any further developments take these into account in a systemic way. The results of the survey will be used for shaping educational standards and curricula as well as for development of manuals and tools for teachers/ counselors.

2. The tasks under planned assignment are as follows:

Indicative duties and responsibilities

- a) To assist the project in the development of questionnaires for three key target groups – parents, students and teachers;
- b) Development of online versions of these questionnaires;
- c) Compilation of the list of pilot schools in all Ukrainian regions;
- d) Ongoing communication with the pilot schools regarding filling of the questionnaires and any technical issues;
- e) Checking response consistency and quality;
- f) Preparation of a full statistical and analytical report on the received responses, including initial findings and conclusions

3. Duration of the assignment:

Up to 30 working days c.a. 1.08.2020-15.10.2020

4. Maximum daily rate and information about price:

4.1. The maximum price for the service can be 90 euros per day.

4.2. The price should be specified in EURO and rounded to two decimal places. The price should be given in total.

4.3. The price should include all costs incurred by the Contracting Authority as part of the service provided by the Contractor (taxes, compulsory social security, health and retirement contributions), as well as the costs of accommodation in Ukraine, food, insurance, local travel (unless travel is ordered separately by Contracting Authority), computer equipment, cellular communication and software (word processor / spreadsheet).

4.4. Settlements between the Contracting Authority and the Contractor will be conducted in UAH depending on the Contractor's place of tax residence and in relation to the current Euro exchange rate of the National Bank of Ukraine.

5. Minimal requirements

- a) Higher education (at least bachelor level or equivalent)
- b) at least 3 years of previous experience in conducting surveys and analytical research, preferably in the areas of education in Ukraine
- c) at least 3 years of previous experience in co-operating with various stakeholders of Ukrainian educational system - including secondary schools
- d) fluency in Ukrainian. (C1), good English (B1).

Offers from service providers that do not meet the minimum criteria will be rejected for formal reasons.

6. Place(s) of Assignment

Ukraine, Kyiv

7. Reporting

The Contractor shall provide to Solidarity Fund PL:

- timesheets
- Invoice
- Drafts of policies, legislation, regulations and other framework documents

8. Criteria for selection of the Applicant (max. 60 points)

a) the degree of compliance with the requirements set out in point 3.2. of the Request - 0-40 points, the degree will be assessed by the Commission appointed by the President of the Solidarity Fund PL. The number of points will be the average of the members' ratings rounded to one decimal place.

b) price - 20 points

Assessment under the criterion „price” will be based on the following formula:

$$P = P_{min} / P_{of} \times 20 \text{ points}$$

where:

P_{min} - the lowest proposed price

P_{of} – price presented in the examined offer

P – the number of points awarded to the examined offer under the price criterion, rounded to the full number.

9. The application must contain Application FORM (templates attached), signed and scanned in PDF format

10. SUBMISSION

Application must be submitted by 31 July 2020 before 10.00 Warsaw time to the address:
sekretariat@solidarityfund.pl

Information on the outcome of the procedure will be sent to the e-mail address indicated by the applicant and will be published on Solidarity Fund PL web-site (English version) www.solidarityfund.pl

Please be advised that by submitting an application you agree to share the content of the application with other applicants who could submit an appropriate request to the SF PL (except for personal data, which will be anonymized).

Please be advised that the administrator of personal data contained in the submitted applications is the Solidarity Fund PL with headquarters in Warsaw, ul. Wołodyjowskiego 69a, 02-724 Warsaw. The data will be processed on the basis of art. 6 clause 1 point. c of the law on personal data protection for the purpose related to public procurement procedure. You have the right to access the personal data provided, the right to rectify personal data and the right to request the administrator to limit the processing of personal data, subject to the cases referred to in art. 18 clause 2 of the law. You have the right to lodge a complaint with the President of the Office for Personal Data Protection. Please be advised that Solidarity Fund PL has appointed a personal data protection inspector who can be contacted at: iod@solidarityfund.pl.